

EVERYTHING HAPPENED

A chain of accidents almost put an end to John Meier, of Gainesville, Ga. Meier, getting ready for bed turned the electric bulb to cut off the light and the bulb fell from its socket. In trying to catch the bulb Meier broke it against the bedpost, cutting his hands. Grappling for a match he cut his foot on the broken glass and, stopping to remove the glass from his foot, he struck his eye on a chair post, practically knocking himself out.

BOMB OWN CRAFT

In order to prevent the United Nations from securing construction details from crashed planes, Australian pilots report that Japanese have adopted the plan of detailing one plane in each raiding formation to dive-bomb and destroy with incendiaries any crashed Japanese plane.

CARELESS THIEF

Apprehension of the thief who stole a bunch of chickens from a Kansas City farm was easy. A billfold, containing all the necessary information for his arrest, was found on the scene by the Sheriff. Faced with the evidence, the man confessed.

WIFE'S GIRDLE

An embarrassed individual appeared at the J. W. Tipton tire company at Denison, Texas, carrying a small package. "My wife's—er—girdle," he stammered, "could you—ah—fix it." He waited while a vulcanizer made the necessary repairs.

FIRE ORPHAN DIES

The Chicago fire of 1871 left Philip Buhler of Webb City, Mo., an orphan. Recently, at the age of 84, he was burned to death in his home when an overturned kerosene lamp set his clothing afire.

TO HOLD EXAMINATION FOR ORVISTON POSTMASTER

An examination will be held at Lock Haven under Civil Service Commission rules for the position of postmaster at Orviston, a fourth class station which paid \$637 last year.

Applications, which may be obtained from the postmaster there or from the Civil Service Commission in Washington, must be filed by April 24.

PENN STATE GRADUATE RECEIVES WAR DECORATION

The Order of the Purple Heart was presented to Sgt. Robert H. Martin, of Lancaster, a member of the class of 1939 at Penn State College and believed to be Penn State's first casualty of the war.

The citation accompanying the medal said that Martin was wounded by performing "a meritorious act of essential service during the Japanese attack." Martin was a meteorologist stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii, when the Japanese attacked the field on December 7.

R. R. Master Mechanic Dies

Clare O. Shull, 48, master mechanic of the Juniata unit of the Altoona Works, Pennsylvania Railroad, died Wednesday, April 8, shortly after becoming ill at work in Altoona. An employee of the railroad since 1909, Shull went to Altoona in 1939 from Wilmington, Del. where he also was master mechanic. He had held divisional positions at Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago.

To Be Awarded Medal

William P. Hindman, Jr., of Milton, a student at Pennsylvania State College and enrolled in the industrial engineering course, has been notified that he will be awarded an Evan Pugh medal for outstanding scholarship on April 19, at the college chapel service. Mr. Hindman is a senior at the college.

Game Stocking Reported

Several hundred ringneck pheasants have been stocked in Clinton county this Spring and more than 600 rabbits in addition to 70 rabbits which were trapped at the Cedar Run Refuge, established by the Clinton County Fish and Game Association several years ago.

Newlyweds Snowbound in Lodge

A honeymooning couple and a party of friends from Altoona were snowbound in a Spruce forest hunting lodge 10 miles north of Renovo last week. A district forest ranger notified the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy W. Craw, Jr., of Altoona, that they—and their friends were suffering no hardships. Snow outside the lodge was two feet deep. The ranger said that if necessary he and some other men would open up a road to the cabin. The Craws were married last Saturday.

Clinton County Chick Has 3 Legs

Eugene Baird, of Lock Haven, examining his incubators Friday afternoon, found a baby chick with three legs, all perfectly formed, the third leg originating near the chick's tail.

Fifth Generation Operating Farm

When Philip Harris moved from Chester county to the old homestead in Center township, Columbia county, he became the fifth generation to occupy the farm. Henry Hagen-

F. Clair Ross and Senator James J. Davis Win Highest Positions on Primary Ballot

Democrats and Republicans Draw Lots at Harrisburg for Order of Appearance on Ballot; State-Wide Candidates Listed

Auditor General F. Clair Ross, Democrat, and U. S. Senator James J. Davis, Republican, won top place on the ballot for the May 19 primary in their candidacy for the party nomination for governor. The drawing took place at Harrisburg on Monday.

The two candidates drew first positions on their respective ballots as the state elections bureau completed the primary lineup. Major General Edward Martin is the only other Republican candidate for governor, but five Democrats will appear on the ballot.

Second place on the Democratic ticket went to Luther A. Harr, backed by State Chairman Meredith J. Meyers; third to James J. Ross, an independent; fourth to Judge Ralph

H. Smith, choice of U. S. Senator Joseph P. Guffey; and fifth to Clarence P. Bowers, Reading manufacturer, who has thrown his support to Judge Smith.

The Pittsburgh jurist was the only gubernatorial candidate present for the drawings in the office of Miss S. M. O'Hara, secretary of the commonwealth.

Representing Ross was his 15-year-old daughter, Carita, who dipped into the canvass mail sack and drew number 96, assuring the auditor general of first place. Meyers drew for Harr; William B. Habbey, Harrisburg, for General Martin, and E. C. Marianielli of Wilkes-Barre, for Davis.

Only a few candidates were present for the lottery which determined the position on the ballots for state-wide offices as well as members of state committees and general assembly.

At stake in the November elections are governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of internal affairs, 33 congressmen, 25 state senators, 208 representatives and seats on the supreme and superior court benches.

Other state-wide candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot: X-incumbent.

Lieutenant governor: Republican: John C. Bell, Jr., William J. Ham-

Editor to Speak



The Rev. Raymond M. Veh, D.D., (above), editor of the Evangelical Crusader, a youth weekly, will be the principal speaker at the Evangelical Young People's Union meeting of Centre county to be held in the First Evangelical church, Bellefonte, on Thursday evening, April 23, at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Veh is a nationally known youth leader, and he is in great demand outside of his own denomination as a conference leader, speaker at conventions, rallies and summer camps, where young people assemble for religious instruction and inspiration. In addition to being the author of a number of books for youth, he is a contributor to many youth and religious periodicals.

We are exceptionally fortunate in having Dr. Veh visit our church and city.

The Evangelical Young People's Union of Centre county was organized last May at a meeting held in the State College Evangelical church. Miss Ruth Poorman, a member of the Bellefonte church is the president, Carl Motz of Woodward, is vice-president, Miss Lois Allison of Howard, secretary, and Miss Elizabeth Facer of State College, the treasurer.

Rev. H. H. Jacobs, pastor of the host church, was appointed Adult Counselor by the Central Pennsylvania Conference Board of Christian Education. Mrs. June Wartz of Coburn, chairman of the committee of worship, will have charge of the devotions.

Following the meeting in the auditorium, Dr. Veh will conduct a fellowship hour in the social room.

The youth of Bellefonte and Centre county are extended a hearty welcome to attend this meeting.

The purpose of this Young People's Union shall be to group the young people of the Evangelical churches of Centre county for Christian fellowship; for mutual encouragement in the highest standards of Christian living and service; and for the promotion of organized young people's work in the local church.

Ringling Circus at Williamsport

Reservations have been made by Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus to appear in Williamsport on Thursday, June 18.

The Oldtimer

SEEMS TO ME THE SMARTEST STAMP COLLECTORS ARE BUYING DEFENSE SAVING STAMPS WITH THEIR PENNIES AND WHEN YOU COLLECT EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS WORTH AND CONVERT THEM INTO DEFENSE BONDS UNCLE SAM WILL BUY IT BACK FOR TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AT THE END OF TEN YEARS A NICE PROFIT FOR YOU



INVITED TO CONVENTION

All persons employed in Bellefonte industries are invited to attend the fifth biennial inter-chapter meeting of the American Society for Metals to be held at the Pennsylvania State College, April 24 and 25. Dr. C. R. Austin, professor of metallurgy announced yesterday. Much of the discussion will be based on subjects related to war industries.

The Penn State chapter of the society will be host to approximately 200 delegates from the Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, York, Lehigh Valley, and Southern Tier chapters.

Friday afternoon's session will be devoted to mechanical property tests.

Colonel J. L. Gulon, of the United States Army ordnance department, Pittsburgh, will be chairman. R. L. Tomplin, chief engineer of tests, Aluminum Research Laboratories, New Kensington, and O. J. Horgan, of the Timken Roller Bearing Company, Canton, Ohio, will be the speakers.

The dinner address Friday evening will be given by Colonel R. S. A. Dougherty, of Bethlehem Steel.

Colonel G. F. Jenks of the War Department, will be the chairman of Saturday morning's session dealing with welding. One of the speakers will be Charles H. Jennings, of Westinghouse Electric.

TINY SILVER CROSS SAVES LIFE OF PILOT

A luncheon with a crowd of American fighting pilots in Australia who have been doing such valiant work in the battle for northern Australia, last week produced one of the most spectacular stories of the war.

The story concerns the hair-raising adventure of Second Lieutenant Clarence S. Sanford of Auburn, N. Y., whose life was saved a half dozen times in a series of near-miraculous escapes.

About a month ago he and several of his American pals were flying over the Pacific, some distance from their base, when they sighted a flight of seven Japanese bombers escorted by nine Zero fighters, and took after them.

Sanford poured fire into one bomber and then found himself mixed up with several Zeros in a dogfight high over the ocean.

Diving and twisting in and out of the clouds, he drew a bead on one

Zero. It plunged toward the sea in flames. Then he climbed and dived on another, raking a machine gun bullet path across the second pilot, who is likely to have also perished.

Coming up for air and taking a look around, Sanford found himself in a bad dilemma. He was all alone in the skies, no Americans or Japanese were in sight, and he figured he had flown so far from his base that he couldn't get back.

So he decided to fly to Australia—his only hope.

He said he believed that if he could fly an hour he would hit Australia and he was exactly right, although it proved to be a long journey with much suffering before he reached that country.

He flew above the clouds until his gasoline was exhausted, then dropped through the clouds and sighted land. Gliding as far as he could, he landed on the water. His plane at once sank and he took to the sea

with his lifejacket about three miles offshore.

Sanford's jacket, however, failed him and he stripped off all his clothes and started to swim barely reaching the beach. Pulling himself from the waves, he collapsed.

He does not know how long he was unconscious, but when he came to he found two Aborigines, native blacks, who are particularly wild in this area, standing over him with spears striking his chest.

Grabbing Sanford slightly, one of the Aborigines asked in broken English:

"You Jap?"

Replying desperately as the spears pinned him tighter to the sand, Sanford cried:

"No, I am an American."

He wore a tiny silver crucifix on a chain around his neck, a symbol of his faith. As Sanford spoke the native's eyes rested on the cross, his black face brightened and the Ab-

House and Senate Divided To the Last As Legislature Ends Session in Confusion

War-Time Extra Session, Costing \$400,000, Passes Nearly Three Score Bills; Reject Governor James' 17-Point Program

Pennsylvania's war-time special session of the legislature, which adjourned Saturday in unprecedented confusion, passed nearly three-score bills, but rejected two major demands in Governor James' 17-point program.

The assembly refused to grant the executive and the state council of defense broad powers to modify or suspend laws found to be a hindrance to the commonwealth's war program and likewise turned down the administration plea to postpone for the duration a new parole system for the commonwealth.

Major accomplishments of the eight-week special session which cost \$400,000 included re-apportionment of the state congressional districts from 34 to 33, and passage of bills increasing unemployment compensation benefits; empowering the state to deal with sabotage and authorizing the defense council to enforce its blackout and air-raid regulations.

Legislation enacted at the special session included:

Bills signed by the governor to: Cut the state's congressional delegation from 34 to 33 as required by the 1940 census and pay the expenses of a special committee that worked out a compromise measure.

Extend the time for filing petitions for special elections. Suspend for the duration of the emergency a new uniform traffic

light system scheduled to become effective last January 1.

Suspend during the war structural safety regulations governing school buses because of priorities on materials.

Allow the appointment of substitute fiduciaries when those originally named entered the armed forces.

Provide \$397,188 for expenses of the special session.

Bills passed finally and sent to the governor to:

Allow one license plate on automobiles instead of the two now required. Another bill would permit plates to be manufactured of material other than metal.

Proved for the disposal of \$60,000 (Continued on Page Five)

7 Nurses, Soldiers Hurt In Car Crash

Bellefonte Girl Reported Among Victims at Indian-town Gap

Collision of two automobiles on the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation last Wednesday night injured seven nurses and two soldiers.

Among the nurses reported injured is Meredith Miller, 31, of Bellefonte, although inquiry by the Centre Democrat has failed to establish Miss Miller's residence in this area. Miss Miller suffered lacerations of the forehead and brain concussion.

The crash occurred at a road intersection while the nurses, attached to the post hospital, were enroute to an army theatre in the eastern end of the reservation. The nurses' car overturned.

Marie Shillen, 35, Clearfield, suffered a skull fracture and was reported in a critical condition.

Other nurses hurt were Dorothy Whitell, 28, Mount Vernon, Ill., fractured pelvis and brain concussion; Phyllis Pentz, 26, Grantman, and Leona E. Horan, 27, Grentwood, brain concussion; Anna Singleton, 26, Chester, lacerations of scalp and brain concussion; and Mary Lally, 34, Olyphant, brain concussion.

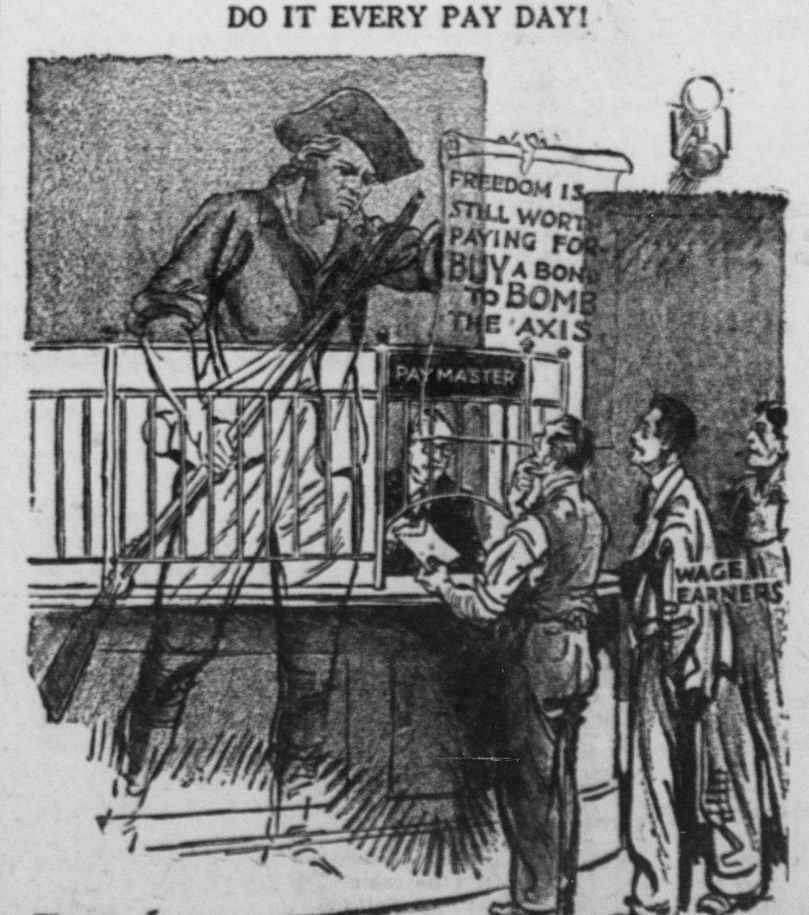
Soldiers injured were Pvt. Herman Wilson, 25, Independence, La., broken ribs and contusions of knee, and Pvt. George Kimbrough A. J. Lewis, Ky., broken nose.

Ill of Rare Disease

Two Snyder county men are patients at the Geisinger Hospital suffering from the rare disease, anthrax, of which total yearly cases for the entire United States average from 100 to 130 a year. Ralph Hackenberg and John Oldt, both of Port Anne, contracted the disease from a cow which died suddenly, and which they helped to skin.

The U. S. Employment Service estimates that this year the farmers of the country will be calling for many thousands more workers than they employed in 1929, the peak year of food production.

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"We, therefore, urge that the emergency 1-cent of gasoline tax be eliminated in the next biennium and advocate the enactment of a Constitutional Amendment to prevent any further misuse of motorists' tax revenues."

The list of officers and committee (Continued on Page Five)